of the project. The Electrical and Horticulture works have been completed, however, Civil work in respect of the boundary wall is yet to be completed. That is expected to be completed by 31.12.2004.

Appropriate action is being initiated to bring the negligent to book.

Affairs of CPWD

1879. SHRI DATTA MEGHE: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether a large number of engineers of Central Public Works Department are facing vigilance charges;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the action taken against these engineers so far?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) and (b) Charge-sheets involving major/minor penalties have been issued to 319 engineers of the Department.

(c) The charge-sheets are finalized as per laid down procedures and rules of the Government of India on the subject by giving reasonable opportunities to the charged officers for their defence including holding regular departmental inquiries. During the last three years, major Penalty has been imposed in 73 cases and minor penalty was given in 82 cases.

Restructuring of CPWD

1880. SHRI EKANATH K. THAKUR: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the 150 year old Central Public Works Department (CPWD) is likely to be restructured into a competitive profit making enterprise; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.